ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER Form PTO-1390 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (Rev. 02-2005) PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE KUW-053 TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES U.S. DLY 5038559 DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED PCT/JP2004/001853 February 19, 2004 February 20, 2003 TITLE OF INVENTION DATE May 27, 2005 COMBINED OIL CONTROL RING

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- 1. [XX] This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- 2. [] This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- 3. [XX] This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
- 4. [] The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).
- 5. [XX] A copy of the International Application in the form of the international publication (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))

 a. [XX] is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau) (WO2004/074717 is transmitted herewith in lieu of a copy of the International Application).
 - b. [] has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. [] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- 6. [XX] An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). (21 pages and 5 sheets of drawings (Fig(s). 1-5).
 - a. [XX] is attached hereto.
 - b. [] has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- 7. [XX] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(C)(3))
 - a. [] are attached hereto.
 - b. [] have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. [] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. [XX] have not been made and will not be made.
- 8. [] An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
- 9. [XX] An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
- 10. [] An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

- 11. [] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- 12. [XX] An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- 13. [XX] A FIRST preliminary amendment.
- 14. [] A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
- 15. [] A substitute specification.
- 16. [] A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
- 17. [] A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 1.825.
- 18. [] A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- 19. [] A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- 20. [XX] Other items or information:
 - a. PCT/RO/101
- e. PCT/IB/301
- b. PCT/ISA/210c. PCT/ISA/220
- f. PCT/IB/304g. PCT/IB/308
- d. PCT/ISA/237
- h. PCT/IB/311

PCT/PTO 2 7 MAY 2005 U.S. Application No. International Application No. Attorney's Docket No. Not yet 107536559 PCT/JP2004/001853 KUW-053 CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY The following fees are submitted: \$ 300.00 22. [XX] Examination fee If international preliminary examination report prepared by UPSTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$100.00 200.00 \$200.00 23. [XX] Search Fee Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office 400.00 TOTAL OF 21, 22 AND 23 900.00 Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than [] 20 [] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). National Stage Application Size Fee - If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets, the application size fee due is \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. CLAIMS NUMBER FILED NUMBER EXTRA RATE Total claims 9 - 20 x \$ 50.00 \$ 0.00 Indep. claims 1 -3 x \$ 200.00 \$ 0.00 Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable) + \$ 360.00 \$ 0.00 \$ 900.00 TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are \$ 0.00 reduced by 1/2. \$ 900.00 SUB TOTAL Processing fee \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than [] 20 [] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). \$ 0.00 TOTAL NATIONAL FEE \$ 900.00 Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property \$ 40.00 TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = \$ 940.00 Amount to be refunded: \$ charged \$ a. [XX] Payment in the amount of \$940.00 is authorized by credit card (PTO-2038). b. [] Check in the amount of \$*.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 111833 in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees.

d. [XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 111833.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to review (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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